

Introduced by Senator Migden

February 22, 2007

An act relating to juveniles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 518, as introduced, Migden. Juveniles: Youth Bill of Rights.

Existing law authorizes a peace officer to take a minor that the officer has reasonable cause to believe is within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, either as a dependent child or as a ward of the court, into temporary custody without a warrant, as specified. Existing law provides procedures for processing the minor thereafter. Existing law requires the release within 48 hours of a minor who is taken into temporary custody by a peace officer or probation officer, as specified, unless a petition to declare him or her a dependent child or ward of the court has been filed. Existing law requires the juvenile court, upon the appearance of a minor at a detention hearing, to inform the minor, and his or her parents or guardians, of the reasons why the minor was taken into custody, the nature of the juvenile court proceedings, and their right to representation by counsel.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish the "Youth Bill of Rights" within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Facilities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to establish the "Youth Bill of Rights" within the

1 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile
2 Facilities. Information regarding the Youth Bill of Rights shall be
3 made available through the Department of Corrections and
4 Rehabilitation, Office of the Ombudsman. Administrators and
5 correctional officers shall receive training regarding these rights.

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